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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of this Amendment. Applicants submit a Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time with this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.